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On the eve of the Quest for the Holy Grail, every adult in King Arthur's castle falls into an enchanted sleep. The future of Camelot rests on the shoulders of fourteen-year-old squire Gerard, who has dreamed of becoming a Knight of the Round Table his whole life. With the help of Newt, the stable boy, and Ailis, a young maidservant, he must face terrible dangers, including a monstrous bridge troll, a wise and scheming dragon—and finally, a dark, powerful force that will stop at nothing to destroy King Arthur, the knights, and the entire realm of Camelot.

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## **Annalise says**

I really liked this book I really enjoyed every page and was along for the ride really good written!!

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## **Jessica Salt says**

This book was a really good story. I really enjoyed this book. It was about three teenagers. They have to go on a quest to save all the people in King Author's court. The whole kingdom went under a spell. Went to sleep!!! I really love this book. It is my favorite Trilogy.

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## **Laura Battle says**

First in what looks to be an interesting series.

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## **Susan Bigelow says**

There's a lot to like about this book, which concerns the adventures of three teenagers who live at Camelot. I love the characters, the adventure was fun and exciting, and it fed into my love of all things King Arthur. Definitely recommended.

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## **Januka says**

### Grail Quest

The book Grail Quest (1), written by Laura Anne Gilman introduces three teens on a mission to save King Arthur's court. On the eve of the quest for Holy Grail, every adult in Camelot falls into a strange sleep. Marlin is only person who can undo the magic but he does not found anywhere. Three boys Gerard, Newt and Alias don't not know what to do. Since, Gerard is the oldest and well trained squire, he decides to find a magician. These three guys use a map stolen from Arthur's study to look on the road. This leads them to a house of ice in which Marlin kept. Gerard, Ailis and Newt knows that only Merlin can change it. So, they begin to trek to find missing magician. They are unaware that a malevolent force will kill anyone who tries to prevent the destruction of Camelot. They face many dangers like bridge troll, a wise and scheming dragon. Eventually, a powerful forces stops. And nothing happens to king Arthur, the knights and the entire kingdom of Camelot. Throughout the tale, Gilman is trying to show a mission of teens that must save the day.

Struggling with plenty of challenges is the great thing they has done. While fighting with a woman Ailis yelled with fear and anger "I am not a witch!" " Take it from her, Gerard." Even though these boys face many challenges, they did give up. Instead, they sought above from it and fought.

Overall, I found the story at some point is boring. It has little more dramas and this make unbelievable. An example of an unbelievable and dramatic conversation can seen in the given sentences.

“you have what you came for,” the dragon said, keeping its head low and watching them. “ Go now. Brother me no more”.

This conversation is from the middle of story where three boys are fighting with a powerful dragon. As I read, I felt this book is not hard and interesting as I expected. However, I found glimpse of historic facts.

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### **Jane Irish Nelson says**

On the eve of the Grail Quest, all the adults at Camelot fall asleep. Obviously magic is involved; but Merlin is missing. So three teenagers — Gerard, a squire; Newt, a stable boy; and Ailis, a maidservant — go in search of him in hopes that he can reverse the spell. But when they find him, he sends them on a further quest to find the talismans they will need to remove it themselves. Believable characters and an enjoyable story.

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### **Reita says**

Three 14 year olds go on their own quest once King Arthur and all of Camelot fall under a sleep spell. They have 7 days to find 3 talismans to return things back to normal. This is an easy juvenile book to read.

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### **Lis says**

Skeletal everything. Characters, plot, etc. Ugh, I don't have much to say about this book, really. Such mary sues/gary stus!

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### **Donna says**

Probably a 4 star for the intended audience- YA

Arthur and his knights are put under a sleeping spell by Morgain while Nimue has Merlin locked in a house of ice. Gerard, the oldest squire; Newt, the stable boy; and Ailis, an orphan who has become a Camelot serving girl, set off on a quest to find the talisman to end the sleeping spell.

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### **Angelina says**

If it's still uninteresting after 100 pages...

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## **Austin Wilkinson says**

a great book

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## **April says**

Average fantasy story set in Arthurian England.

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## **Lauren says**

Yet another story of King Arthur and Camelot and the Quest for the Holy Grail, except that King Arthur only plays more of a supporting role and the quest hasn't even begun yet. The main characters in this story are three children, the oldest being fourteen. King Arthur and his court (or at least the ADULTS) of his court, including the adult servants and entertainers, have fallen under a spell and it is up to those three children to save them. Danger waits for this trio, be it human or not, as they meet up with those that magic has either influenced or are magic themselves in the case of a dragon. Fascinating read and I can't wait until I read the rest in the series.

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## **Chloe says**

I love the book! Although sometimes, especially in the first part, things are a little boring. Its mainly about three children who set out on a quest to find three talismans, in order to awaken the adults at Camelot who have fallen into an enchanted sleep, thanks to Morgain, who is Arthur's sister. The oldest who is Gerard, a squire, with Newt and Ailis who is a stable boy and maid servant respectively. The two boys do not get along very well, so Ailis acts as a mediator sometimes. She hides her secret about hearing what seems to be Merlin's voices in her head, until some time later.

The children faces a lot of danger, ranging from becoming 'zombie' slaves for life to facing a bridge troll. In the end, Ailis finds out that the voice might not be Merlin's, as she thought, but Morgain's. Gerard gets invited to go on the quest for the grail at the same time.

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## **Julia says**

My grandson is reading the Grail Quest series, and I'm joining him :-)) I really like the characters in this version of King Arthur's story--Gerard is a squire, Alis is a maid, and Newt (my favorite) tends the horses. When all the adults are suddenly put to sleep under a spell, it's up to our intrepid three to save the day. Morgain's Revenge is the second in the series, with The Shadow Companion completing the story.

Gilman shows the three having the usual squabbles, yet sticking together--a theme I'm noticing in much YA literature. The adults aren't present (asleep in this case), so the kids have to figure things out for themselves.

The recipe seems to work, since my grandson is reading these very quickly.

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